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The MSSU Bookstore in Billingsly Student Center will be open from 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. for your convenience and a Spirit Store is available near the main entrance of Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

KGCS and the student broadcast group, the National Broadcasting Society, will produce DVD copies of today's ceremony. Order forms are available on the program tables located at the entrances.

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this program, graduation filing deadlines, printing deadlines and degree audit adjustments can prevent inclusion of graduates' names or may result in publishing names of individuals not completing degree requirements. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's official academic or degree status.

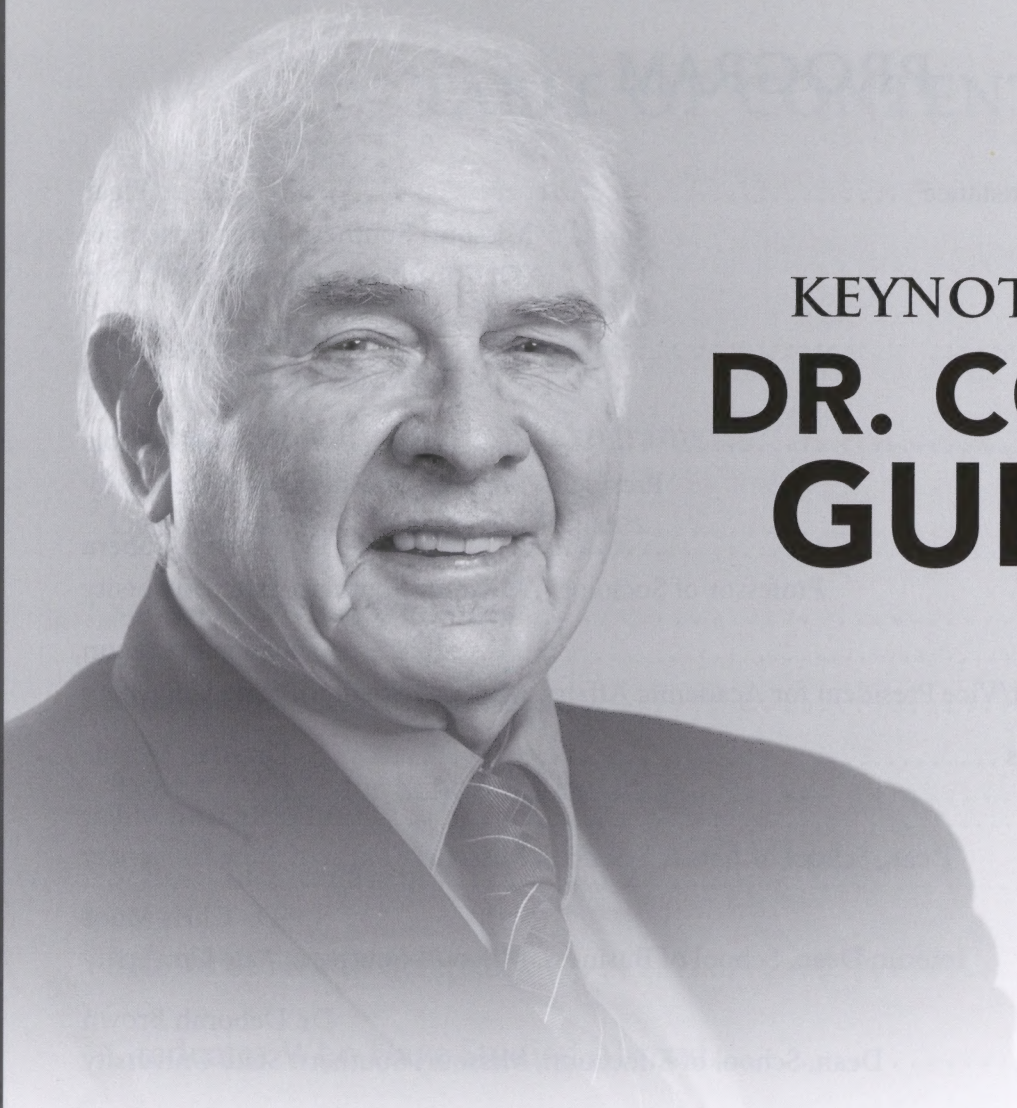
PROGRAM

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble Dr. Ricardo J. Espinosa, conductor
National Anthem	Presentation of Colors ShowMe GOLD Color Guard
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Alan Marble President, Missouri Southern State University
Commencement Speaker	Dr. Conrad Gubera Professor of Sociology, Missouri Southern State University
Presentation of Class	Dr. Paula Carson Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Master's Hooding	Dr. Richard Miller Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University Dr. Chris Moos Interim Dean, School of Business, Missouri Southern State University Dr. Deborah Brown Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University

Presentation of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Presentation of Diplomas	Platform Party
Introduction of Degree Candidates	Mr. Stephen E. Smith University Relations and Marketing, Missouri Southern State University
Announcement of Academic Honors	Dr. Paula Carson
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 18)	Zachary Pettit BSE K-12 Vocal Music Education, Webb City
Recessional "Alleluia! Laudamus Te"	Alfred Reed Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble Dr. Ricardo J. Espinosa, conductor
Sign Language Interpreter	Bethany Leinbaugh

Please remain standing until recessional is completed.
Please turn off all cell phones.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER **DR. CONRAD GUBERA**

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology and international studies at Missouri Southern, has taught at the university since the new campus opened in 1967.

A graduate of Pierce City High School, he studied at Joplin Junior College before completing his bachelor's degree at Pittsburg State University in 1962. After teaching history and English at Mount Vernon High School and history and sociology at Joplin High School from 1963-65, he obtained his master's degree in sociology at PSU.

Gubera helped create the general education framework and the BA/BS undergraduate sociology degrees for Missouri Southern while serving on the Faculty Senate and a plethora of college committees. During the 1970s, he completed a Ph.D. in sociology from Oklahoma State University.

Over the course of nearly five decades, he has taught a variety of courses, including Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Introduction to International Studies, The Arab World, Sociology of Aging, the Sociology of Death and Dying, Comparative Cultures, Social Theory and Introduction to Egyptology, just to name a few. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award in 1996 and the Outstanding International Teacher Award a decade later.

A fellow with the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations since 1987 and the East-West Center since 1998, he has visited more than 30 countries, earned three Fulbright Awards, awards from the Japan Foundation and the Niagara Foundation, as well as the government of Saudi Arabia. He has also received five grants from Missouri Southern's Institute of International Studies, through which he escorted five different student groups to Mexico, Belize, Honduras and Guatemala, where they studied ancient Mayan culture.

On campus, he has served on the Faculty Senate, as a member of the International Studies Supervisory Committee, the faculty sponsor for the Model Arab League and the Sociology Club, a presenter for a variety of international programs as part of Missouri Southern's themed semesters, and led a variety of study-abroad groups.

Dr. Gubera's four children have all attended Missouri Southern, three of whom hold undergraduate degrees from the university. His daughter, Kristin, is an adjunct instructor in the Kinesiology Department. With his oldest son, Christopher, he co-produced the award-winning 2012 documentary, "Joplin, Missouri: A Tornado Story."

OUR EMERITUS FACULTY

1973 – 1974 Harry Gockel* History & Geography Martha Ann McCormick* Mathematics	1985 – 1987 Enid Blevins English & Philosophy 1995 – 1996 Loretta Frazier* Head Librarian 1999 – 2001 J. Merrell Junkins Psychology Gail Renner* Social Sciences (History) 2002 – 2004 Duane L. Hunt Theater Richard Massa Communication 2008 – 2010 Julio S. Leon Business	2010 – 2012 Betsy Griffin Psychology Virginia Laas Social Sciences (History) William Livingston Mathematics Melvyn Mosher* Chemical & Physical Sciences 2011 - 2012 Jim Jackson Biology & Environmental Health 2012 – 2013 John Messick Biology & Environmental Health 2013 – 2014 Sam Claussen Theater 2014 – 2015 Art Saltzman* English & Philosophy	2015 – 2016 Al Cade* Teacher Education Patsy Lipira Kinesiology 2016 – 2017 Dr. Theresa Agee Business Grace Ayton Nursing Dr. Beverly Block Business Dr. Al Carnine Music Jim Gray Business Dr. Patricia Murphy English & Philosophy Dr. John Tiede Accounting *Deceased
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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Anderson, Kelsey Louise
 Accountancy
 Carl Junction

Goth, Jourdana L.
 Accountancy
 Alba

Williams, Zachary Tyler
 Accountancy
 Carthage

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Bright, Jason D.
 Curriculum and Instruction
 Joplin

COOPERATIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Cheatham, Dana Rennee'
 Criminal Justice
 Rocky Comfort

Chinae, Zachary Alexander
 Criminal Justice
 St Louis

Evans, Megan Delia
 Criminal Justice
 Ozark

Hilpert, John William
 Criminal Justice
 Catawissa

Niswonger, Cindy Ann
 Criminal Justice
 Cape Girardeau

Varner, Amber Paige
 Criminal Justice
 Waynesville

CANDIDATES FOR HONORS AND DEGREES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Callie Aleshire ‡
Brooke Artym
Rachel Berryhill ‡
Amelia Carpenter
Mackenzie Christensen †

Benjamin Dodge
Ashley Gillion ‡
Kaitlyn Harris
Neil Huffaker
Brittany Lane

Samantha Mahurin
Katie Miller ‡ †
Kristina Niggemann
Courtney Paxton
Rose Peacock ‡

Zachariah Pettit ‡ †
Nicholas Reddy †
Harlan Smith

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Janie Andler
Denesa Boman
Cassidy Claar
Sadie Flood

Giresse Forchu
Kendra Hamilton †
Cody Hobbs
Cory Kerbs

Kyle McMillen
Alejandro Olivarez, Jr.
Eryn Perryman
George Richardson

Jessica Sangale
Callie Whetstone

CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Aji Fatou Dibba
Darren Fichtner
Spencer Galaska
Bethany Gardner

Jeremy Jones
Jie Li
Haley Manes
Sophia Martin

Brittani McWhorter
Robin Nelson
Brittani Reagan
Joy Shephard

Staci Sonntag
Bethany Walles

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

FIRST HONORS

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Benjamin Dodge
Courtney Paxton
Nicholas Reddy †

THIRD HONORS

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Aji Fatou Dibba
Spencer Galaska
Bethany Gardner

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Aguinaga, Janet Guadalupe
Political Science
Carthage

Arciniega, Connie
Spanish
Carthage

Baker, Lauden Jameson †
Communication-Public Relations
Joplin

Bastings, Dakota Malone
English-Literary Studies, Spanish
Joplin

Blackburn, Luke Daniel Revere
Art-Visual
Webb City

Coffin, Rin
Communication-Mass
Joplin

Conness, Zachary Colten
History
Carthage

Dibba, Aji Fatou
French
Gambia

Eldred, Bennet Caleb
International Studies
Joplin

Guzman, Sonia Raquel
English-Prof/ Tech Writing
Joplin

Hale, Kelsey Elizabeth
Theatre
Joplin

Haymore, Amara Azuree
International Studies
St Louis

Koul, Sara
Art-Graphic
Neosho

McBride, Holli Ann
English-Literary Studies
Joplin

Nat, Katherine Dawn †
International Studies
Carthage

Sapp, William Kyle
History
Carterville

Skaggs, Chelsea Marie
Theatre
Olathe, KS

Trenche, Omar Andres
Spanish
Puerto Rico

Wimer, Marta I.
Spanish
Arcola

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Jordan, Lea Ann
Fine Arts-Studio
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Aldridge, Megan Diann
Communication-Mass
Cassville

Allen, Paula Elizabeth
Criminal Justice Administration
Oswego, KS

Alverson, Gayle Ann
Mathematics
Neosho

Barnes, Alexander Glover
Environmental Health and Safety
Neosho

Boatwright, Benjamin David
Criminal Justice Administration
Ozark

Bowerman, Anna Nicole
Sociology
Miller

Bowman, Rachel Lynne
Political Science
Lebanon

Bramer, Brandon Tyler
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Brown, Chasitie Faye
Communication-Mass,
Communication-Public Relations
Farmington, AR

Carpenter, Amelia K.
Environmental Health and Safety
Webb City

Carter, Will Douglas
Environmental Health and Safety
Diamond

Clarkson Thomlinson, Ashleigh Hope
Biochemistry, Biology
LaRussell

Clouse, Marcus T.
Mathematics
Joplin

Cotton, Sagrario E.
Criminal Justice Administration
Purdy

Crowe, Brittany Raelynn
Environmental Health and Safety
Miami, OK

Dibba, Aji Fatou
Computational Math/CIS-Math
Gambia

Dodge, Benjamin Allen
Juvenile Justice
Carthage

Dunker, Bradon John
Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice
Joplin

Endicott, Halie Nicole
Biology
Joplin

Farag, Saif-Eldin Samir
Biology
Webb City

Farnsworth, Ashley DawnBiology
Joplin**Fenton, Cody James**Biology
Joplin**Ferreira, Ronni Denise**Criminal Justice Administration
Springfield**Forchu, Giresse M.**Biology
Dallas, TX**Francis-Moore, Eowyn Adriel**Criminal Justice Administration
Bella Vista, AR**Galaska, Spencer David**Criminal Justice Administration
Lee's Summit**Gardner, Bethany Danae**Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho**Geller, Keith Jonathan**Mathematics
Neosho**Gray, Lindsey Faith**Communication-Mass
Reeds**Hackney, Katherine C.**Criminal Justice Administration
Lockwood**Hamon, Andrew Christopher**Sociology
Joplin**Hardy, Whitney D.**Communication-Mass,
Communication-Public Relations
Joplin**Haynes, Taylor Ann**Criminal Justice Administration
Galena, KS**Hill, Jason LeRoy**Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage**Hinman-Mitchell, Brittany Nicole**Criminal Justice Administration
Parsons, KS**Hoffman, Andrew Mark**Computational Math-CIS Math
Joplin**Holtsman, Sydney Marie**Communication-Mass
Joplin**Hughes, Christopher Michael**Criminal Justice Administration
Blue Mound, KS**Isaac, Caitlin Jo**Communication-Mass,
Communication-Public Relations
Webb City**Karleskint, Heather Marie**Criminal Justice Administration
Fort Scott, KS**Killinger, Christopher Don**Mathematics
Joplin**Kovach, Philip Christopher**Chemistry
Joplin**Larson, Aubree H.**Sociology
Joplin**Long, Jr., Frank Daniel**Chemistry
Neosho**Long, Katie Lynn**Sociology
Joplin**Mejia, Michael**Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin**Meyer, Catherine Marlene**Criminal Justice Administration
Exeter**Miller, Alyssa M.**Environmental Health and Safety
Olathe, KS**Miller, Jordon Creele**Criminal Justice Administration
Greenfield**Morgan, Kaylee Shae**Criminal Justice Administration/
CIS-Computer Forensics
Carthage**Niggemann, Kristina Marie**Biochemistry
Potosi**Niggemann, Nicholas J.**Biochemistry, Biology,
Chemistry
Duenweg**Patterson, Lauree Michelle**Biology
Carl Junction**Paxton, Courtney Taylor**Criminal Justice Administration
Blue Springs**Reddy, Nicholas R. †**Criminal Justice Administration
Independence, KS**Rozell, Johnathan James**Political Science
Lamar**Skaggs, Nathan Shreve**Environmental Health and Safety
Carl Junction**Sliger, Angela Leann**Sociology
Galena, KS**Smith, Harlan David**Environmental Health and Safety
Stella**Smith, Weston Thomas**Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin**Stovall, Amanda Nicole**Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City**Suso, Kuta Boro †**Biology
Gambia**Thomas, Katie Jo**Criminal Justice Administration
Alba**Treadaway, Addyson Paige**Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin**Triplett, William Noah**Biology
Oronogo**Twenter, Adam Lowell**Biology
Lamar**Underwood, Wesley C.***Communication-Mass
Joplin**Wells, Danielle Marie**Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction**Whetstone, Callie Frances**Biology
Springfield, IL**Whitekiller, Justin Wade**Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho**Williams, Aisha Marie**Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin**Williams, Christopher C.**Criminal Justice Administration
New Orleans, LA**Wimmer, Kaleigh L.**Biology
Columbus, KS**Woody, Rebecca Ann**Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Allen, Paula Elizabeth

Law Enforcement
Oswego, KS

Boatwright, Benjamin David

Law Enforcement
Ozark

Bramer, Brandon Tyler

Law Enforcement
Webb City

Cotton, Sagrario E.

Law Enforcement
Purdy

Dodge, Benjamin Allen

Law Enforcement
Carthage

Ferreira, Ronni Denise

Law Enforcement
Springfield

Forsythe, William J.

Law Enforcement
Webb City

Francis-Moore, Eowyn Adriel

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Galaska, Spencer David

Law Enforcement
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Law Enforcement
Neosho

Hackney, Katherine C.

Law Enforcement
Lockwood

Haynes, Taylor Ann

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Hinman-Mitchell, Brittany Nicole

Law Enforcement
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Hughes, Christopher Michael

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Blue Mound, KS

James, Klayton David

Law Enforcement
Webb City

Karleskint, Heather Marie

Law Enforcement
Fort Scott, KS

Mejia, Michael

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Meyer, Catherine Marlene

Law Enforcement
Exeter

Miller, Jordon Creele

Law Enforcement
Greenfield

Paxton, Courtney Taylor

Law Enforcement
Blue Springs

Reddy, Nicholas R. †

Law Enforcement
Independence, KS

Schmitt, Kodie Dean-Lee

Law Enforcement
Rich Hill

Smith, Weston Thomas

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Stovall, Amanda Nicole

Law Enforcement
Webb City

Thomas, Katie Jo

Law Enforcement
Alba

Treadaway, Addyson Paige

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Wall, Christian Tyler

Law Enforcement
Kansas City

Whitekiller, Justin Wade

Law Enforcement
Neosho

Williams, Christopher C.

Law Enforcement
New Orleans, LA

Woody, Rebecca Ann

Law Enforcement
Webb City

GENERAL STUDIES

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Aleshire, Callie Jayne Arden ‡General Studies
Sarcoxie**Bowleg, Verjell Vernessa**General Studies
Bahamas**Brand, Amber Lee**General Studies
Niangua**Bryant, Jacob Paul**General Studies
Miami, OK**Cavener, Sara Rachel**General Studies
Pensacola, FL**Clay, Wallace Cleveland**General Studies
Owasso, OK**Cobine, John R.**General Studies
Reeds**Daingerfield, DeLinda Rae**General Studies
Pierce City**Dunning, Angela Marie**General Studies
Joplin**Eastin, Joshua Baron**General Studies
Neosho**Ellis, Laramie James**General Studies
Joplin**Fingerhut, Sarah N.**General Studies
St Charles**Henderson, Joseph Jerel**General Studies
Rialto, CA**House, Christy Ann**General Studies
Galena, KS**Ingle, Edward Joseph**General Studies
Joplin**Konkol, Kristina Susan**General Studies
Lakewood, CO**Krueger, Kelsei Beth**General Studies
Pierce City**LaMarr, Kristen Leigh**General Studies
Joplin**Lathrop, Scott William**General Studies
Warrenton**Manka, Donald Lee**General Studies
Cartersville**McKinzie, Sheldon Brian**General Studies
Pea Ridge, AR**Merritt, Shelli Nicole Garrett**General Studies
Warrensburg**Miller, Summer ShyAnne**General Studies
Cartersville**Patterson, Karli Nicole**General Studies
Carl Junction**Rector, Cameron Scott**General Studies
Duenweg**Rex, Carolyn Deann**General Studies
Farmington, AR**Sanders, Laynce Parrish**General Studies
Gadsden, AL**Sheets, Donald Allen**General Studies
Joplin**Spiegel, Whitney Chane**General Studies
Springfield**Stout, Madeleine Kay**General Studies
Miami, OK**Ward, Patty**General Studies
Springfield

ROBERT W. PLASTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Banta, Jason Evan
Industrial Engineering Technology
Lamar

Brinkley, Jason Dewain
Logistics
Joplin

Cain, Jackson Bernard
Logistics
Omaha, NE

Campbell, Sr., Wesley Dean
Industrial Engineering Technology
Noel

Carlsen, Sandra Lee
Logistics
Carl Junction

Cooper, Jake Christopher
CIS-Information Technology
Neosho

Dibba, Aji Fatou
CIS-Math/Computational Math
Gambia

Ferguson, Kyle Bradley
CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Guzman, Juan Manuel
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Hendrix, Caleb Daniel
CIS-Information Technology
Jerico Springs

Hoffman, Andrew Mark
CIS Math-Computational Math
Joplin

Housh, Shane Clinton
Industrial Engineering Technology
Carthage

Jones, Sarah K.
Industrial Engineering Technology
Oronogo

Killinger, Christopher Don
Economics
Joplin

Liu, Baihe
Economics
China

Morgan, Kaylee Shae
CIS-Computer Forensics/Criminal
Justice Administration
Carthage

Morton, Andrew Todd
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Nevills, Daniel Erick
CIS-Information Technology
Carthage

Warren, Brandon Lee
Logistics
Tahlequah, OK

Wilkinson, Alexandra Kathleen
CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Wilson, Levi Ray
Industrial Engineering Technology
Nevada

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Akers, Armonta Rudell
Management
Chicago, IL

Aleckson, Joshua Michael
International Business
Joplin

Algwehes, Mohannad Saleh
Finance
Saudi Arabia

Anderson, Krystal Marie
Management, Human Resource
Management
Joplin

Artym, Brooke Nicole
Management, Human Resource
Management
Webb City

Ball, Marcella Jo
General Business,
Human Resource Management
Rogers, AR

Barnes, Tyler Stephen
Management
Mt Vernon

Bettasso, Bernard Andrew
Management, Marketing
Joplin

Bolinger, Amanda D.
Marketing
Parsons, KS

Bowden, Angela D.
Management, Human Resource
Management
Rogers, AR

Brown, Branon Walker
Management
Joplin

Brown, Lucas Neil
Accounting
Berryville, AR

Bunch, Tinika Marie
Human Resource Management
Neosho

Burton, Karen Louise
Management, Human Resource
Management
Diamond

Bussey, Jessica Rae
Management
Neosho

Camacho, Herlinda
Management, Human Resource
Management
Bentonville, AR

Cantrell, Thomas Arthur
General Business
Carl Junction

Cantu, Caitlyn Christine
Management, Human Resource
Management
Ft Worth, TX

Coy, Krystal Michelle Hubbard
Management, Human Resource
Management
Trafalgar, IN

Cruse, Alfida L.
Finance
St Louis

Dillard Jr., Michael David
Marketing
Joplin

Dudley, Jonna Nicole
Human Resource Management,
Marketing
Joplin

Eads, Victoria Elizabeth
Management
Neosho

Elliott, Mellisa Alexcia
Management
British Virgin Islands

Farmer, Kanisha Nicole
Accounting
Webb City

Flater, Michael Donald
Marketing
Fort Scott, KS

Hale, Cesilie Hope
General Business
Miami, OK

Hall, Amanda Darlene
Accounting
Pineville

Heman, Kyle John
Marketing
Pierce City

Henry, Nathan Michael
Finance
Joplin

Hieger, Jessica Lynn
Management, Human Resource
Management
Troy

Hillman, Kierstyn Rachel
Management, Marketing, Human
Resource Management
Aurora

Holt, Klayten Dean
Management
Cassville

Howerton, Hayley Marie
General Business
Carthage

Huffaker, Neil Harrison
Accounting
Joplin

Hughes, Adam J.
Management, Human Resource
Management
Loma Linda

Iovinelli, Ralph Arthur
Management
North Las Vegas, NV

Jensen, Jaena Michele
Management
Joplin

Jones, Jeremy Jermaine
General Business
Springdale, AR

Jung, Jacob Michael
Management
Carl Junction

Kitch, Natasha Nicole
Management, Human Resource
Management
Joplin

Krifka II, John Bruce
Management, Human Resource
Management
Bella Vista, AR

Krohn, Emileigh May
Management
Neosho

Lewing, Connie E.
General Business
Asbury

Li, Jie
Accounting
China

Lin, Qiao Li
Finance
China

Lintner, Colten Heath
Accounting
Lamar

Maddock, Keely Nicole
Accounting
Duenweg

Mahaffey, Marcus Paul
Management, Human Resource
Management
Huntsville, AR

Malhotra, Aditya V.
Management, Marketing
India

Matlack, Whitney Kae
Management, Human Resource
Management
Byron, MN

McCullough, Nathan Duane
Management, Human Resource
Management
Oronogo

McElhaney, Kady Lynn
General Business
Joplin

McKean, Patrick Omar
Management
Ballwin

Meschelle, Lisa A.
Accounting
Joplin

Miller, Anthony W.
Management
Neosho

Miller, Katie Elizabeth ‡ †
Accounting
Webb City

Moore, Joanna Faith
Accounting
Nevada

Newkirk, Jennifer Lee
Accounting
Webb City

Olivarez Jr., Alejandro
Management, Human Resource
Management
Joplin

Petersen, Seth D.
Management, Marketing, Human
Resource Management
Lamar

Phillips, Samantha Nichole
Marketing
Joplin

Praytor, Nathan Eugene
Marketing
Joplin

Prisock, Kyle David
Management
Joplin

Rawlins, Laken Lashell
Marketing
Diamond

Redfearn, Derrick Edward
Management, Human Resource
Management
Prairie Grove, AR

Reiss, Keith Charles
Economics
Diamond

Riley, Karoline Alice
Accounting, Management
El Dorado Springs

Schwartz, Dylan Wayne
Marketing
Joplin

Seaton, Charis L.
Human Resource Management
Joplin

Shoemaker, Austin C.
Accounting
Lebanon

Simpson, Melody Rose
Accounting
Joplin

Sitoe Jr., Luis Eduardo
Marketing
Mozambique

Sobbe, Alexander Glenn
Management, Human Resource
Management
Kearney

Song, Kunming
Accounting
China

Testerman, Randi
Marketing
Bartlett, KS

Thomas, Jayce Alexander
Management
Blue Springs

Turner, Chad Washington
Management, Human Resource
Management
Carthage

Vang, Nao
Accounting
Pierce City

Waldron, Jessica Dawn
Accounting
Joplin

Weaver, Dylan Alexander
Management
Riverton, KS

Westfield, Jr., Anthony Blaine
Human Resource Management
Neosho

Wheeler, Andrew S.
Management
Grove, OK

Xia, Qinghao
Accounting, International Business
China

Xu, Benhui
Accounting
China

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Campbell, Sr., Wesley Dean
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Noel

Cooper, Jake Christopher
CIS-Information Systems
Neosho

Dibba, Aji Fatou
CIS-Information Systems
Gambia

Guzman, Juan Manuel
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Joplin

Hendrix, Caleb Daniel
CIS-Information Systems
Jerico Springs

Housh, Shane Clinton
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Carthage

Jones, Sarah K.
DDET-Drafting Design Eng Tech,
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Oronogo

Morgan, Kaylee Shae
CIS-Information Systems
Carthage

Morton, Andrew Todd
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Joplin

Nevills, Daniel Erick
CIS-Information Systems
Carthage

Nollner, Curtis Michael
CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Wilkinson, Alexandra Kathleen
CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Wilson, Levi Ray
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Nevada

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Flood, Sadie Elizabeth
Psychology
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Bradley, Beth Suzanne
Psychology
Taneyville

Bradshaw, Tyler Lee
Psychology
Galena, KS

Cantu, Nathan M.
Psychology
Carthage

Dominguez, Andrea Renae
Health Promotion and Wellness
Grove, OK

Dunbar, MacKenzie Brooke
Psychology
Riverton, KS

Edwards, Amy Suzanne
Psychology
Joplin

Galan, Michelle Lee
Psychology
Miami, OK

John, Ryan P.
Psychology
Angola, NY

Jordan, Lea Ann
Psychology
Joplin

LaCount, Jessica Diane
Psychology
Carl Junction

Morice, Tami Lynn
Psychology
Naperville, IL

Natick, Evin D.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Carol Stream, IL

Pachhofer, Whitney Paige
Health Promotion and Wellness
Granby

Schmitt, Katie Dawn
Psychology
Carterville

Schuler, Michelle Renee
Psychology
Joplin

Sonntag, Staci Ann
Psychology
Carl Junction

Stillions, Grace Raydeane
Psychology
Anderson

Todd, Halli Jean
Psychology
Necedah, WI

Walker, Jessica Renae
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Welch, Amanda Nicole
Psychology
Grove, OK

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Andler, Janie Ann
Elementary Education/K-12
Special Education
Webb City

Arnold, Elizabeth Ann
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Webb City

Berryhill, Rachel Lynn ‡
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Joplin

Boman, Denesa MayLorene
Elementary Education-
Language Arts
Joplin

Bunch, Jessica Lynn
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Joplin

Christensen, Mackenzie Nicole †
Secondary Education-English
Seneca

Claar, Brandon Michael
Middle School Education-
Social Studies
Joplin

Claar, Cassidy Michelle
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Duenweg

Doyle, Morgan Gabrielle
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Carl Junction

Drew, Bethany Danielle
Elementary Education-Early
Childhood
Joplin

Edwards, Taylor Rayne
Elementary Education-
Language Arts
Webb City

Fichtner, Darren Glenn
Secondary Education-Business
Joplin

Fuller, Makayla Rose
Middle School Education-Science
Joplin

Gabbard, Savanna Jean
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Joplin

Gilion, Ashley Taylor ‡
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Neosho

Greninger, Shelly Rene
Secondary Education-English
Duenweg

Hamilton, Kendra Lee †
Elementary Education-
Language Arts
Neosho

Harvey, Kaily Irene
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Rocky Comfort

Hobbs, Cody Taylor
K-12 Education-
Physical Education
Anderson

Johnson, Tabitha Brooke
Secondary Education-English
Joplin

Kerbs, Cory Evan
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Nevada

Klunk, Lindsey Marie
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Queenstown, MD

Lage, Wynonna Anneliese
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Carthage

Lane, Brittany Paige
Secondary Education-English
Alba

Lane, Hailey Jordan
Middle School Education-
Language Arts
Anderson

Lawyer, Jessica Louise
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Joplin

Madsen-Ellis, Grace Elizabeth
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Carthage

Mahurin, Samantha Denise
Elementary Education-Social
Studies
Joplin

Manes, Haley Nicole
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Nevada

Mann, Derek Lane
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Webb City

Martin, Sophia Katherine
Elementary Education-
Language Arts
Fort Scott, KS

McMillen, Kyle Benjamin
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Marionville

Means, Elizabeth Sue Colley
Secondary Education-
Social Science/History
LaRussell

Mock, Jennifer Ann
Elementary Education/K-12
Special Education
Joplin

Nelson, Michael Cole
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Tulsa, OK

Nelson, Robin Elizabeth
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Joplin

Nichols, Ricky Ayrton
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Cassville

Oathout, Maggie Lynne
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Webb City

Perryman, Eryn Michele
Elementary Education/K-12
Special Education
Lebanon

Pettit, Zachariah Ethan ‡ †
K-12 Education-Vocal
Webb City

Reagan, Brittani A.
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Bentonville, AR

Richardson, George Edward
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Joplin

Sangale, Jessica Lynn
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Joplin

Shephard, Joy M.
Elementary Education/K-12
Special Education
Joplin

Smith, Kyle Edward
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Anderson

Stevenson, Taylor Autumn
Elementary Education-
Language Arts
Miami, OK

Summers, Melissa Lynn
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Joplin

Tatum, Taelur Lauren
Middle School Education-
Science
Webb City

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

* May or July Graduate

Wages, Alexandria Nichole
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Ash Grove

Wagner, Kirsten Lynn
Elementary Education-
Early Childhood
Carthage

Walles, Bethany Morgan
Elementary Education-
Social Studies
Nevada

Weir, Matthew Ray Dale
K-12 Education-Instrumental
Booneville, AR

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Barnett, Ashley Nicole
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Nixa

Beasley, Kayla Renae
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Columbia

Boyd, Sandra Lynn
Health Science-Business Life
Joplin

Carpenter, Chance Wayne
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Liberty

Cave, Chelsea Lane ‡
Health Science-Radiologic Technology
Springfield

Elliott, Grace Rebecca
Health Science-Business Life
Webb City

Foley, Cassie J.
Health Science-Business Life
Joplin

Gaither, Sydni Alekzandrya
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Lillington, NC

Gardner, Rochelle Lynn
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Lamar

Garfield, Ciara Morgan
Health Science-Business Life
Lamar

Graves, Payton Danielle
Health Science-Business Life
Springfield

Greenough, Sara Lynn
Health Science-Business Life
Parsons, KS

Hang, Chue
Health Science-Business Life
Purdy

Harris, Kaitlyn Marie
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Jackson

Jones, Dawn M.
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Lundstrom, Emily Rose
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Willard

McWhorter, Brittani Jo
Health Science-Business Life
Duchesne, UT

Medsker, Heather Leeann
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
O'Fallon, IL

Mengwasser, Adelene C.
Health Science-Paramedic
Joplin

Mercer, Lindsey Suzanne
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Sikeston

Neher, Staci D.
Health Science-Paramedic
Jasper

Nolan, Chad Nicholas
Health Science-Business Life
Menifee, CA

Peacock, Rose Corine ‡
Health Science-Business Life
Neosho

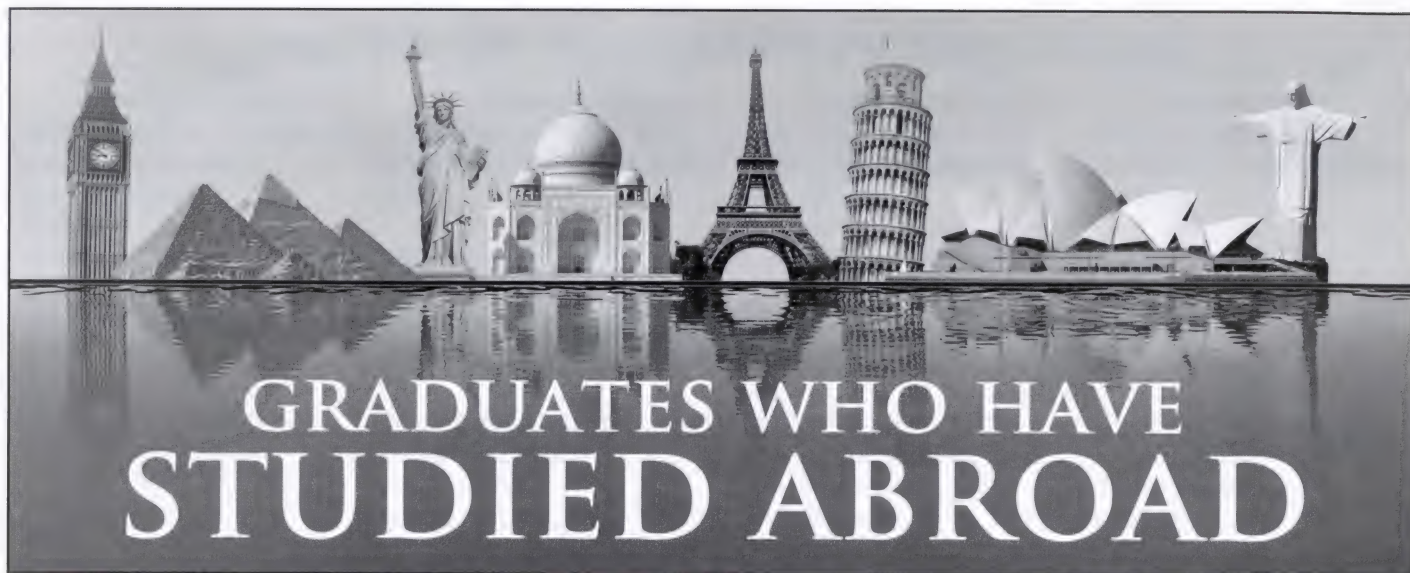
Prochnow, Shelby Marie
Health Science-
Respiratory Therapy
Republic

Reavis, Heather Michelle
Health Science-
Radiologic Technology
Crane

Robertson, Robbin Melyssa
Health Science-
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Scharenberg, Hali Brook
Health Science
Fort Scott, KS

Siriprasertchok, Piyathida
Health Science-Business Life
Joplin



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Students who received MSSU academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,100 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

Akers, Armonta
Ghana

Aldridge, Megan
Germany

Aleckson, Joshua
Ghana

Arnold, Elizabeth
Sweden

Baker, Lauden
Canada

Bastings, Dakota
Ecuador, Germany

Cavener, Sara
Italy

Christensen, Mackenzie
Belize, Canada, France,
United Kingdom

Coffin, Rin
Japan

Dibba, Aji
France

Eldred, Bennet
Japan

Fuller, Makayla
Ecuador

Gabbard, Savanna
Belize

Gray, Lindsey
France

Guzman, Sonia
France, Switzerland

Hamilton, Kendra
Belize, Ireland

Haymore, Amara
Ghana

Hendrix, Caleb
Belize

Hillman, Kierstyn
France, Spain

Isaac, Caitlin
France

John, Ryan
Belize

Mahaffey, Marcus
Italy

Mahurin, Samantha
Belize

Martin, Sophia
Belize

Miller, Katie
France, Spain

Nat, Katherine
Spain

Pachlhofer, Whitney
Belize, Czech Republic,
Denmark, Poland

Pettit, Zachariah
Ireland, Italy

Prisock, Kyle
France, Spain

Reddy, Nicholas
Ireland

Suso, Kuta
Belize

Triplett, William
France, United Kingdom

Varner, Amber
United Kingdom

Weir, Matthew
Belize

Wells, Danielle
United Kingdom

Whetstone, Callie
Belize

POINTS OF PRIDE

Three officers commissioned through Show-Me Gold program



Three members of the Show-Me-Gold officer training program at Missouri Southern are now wearing the single gold bars of second lieutenants in the Missouri National Guard.

Nathan Skaggs, Carl Junction; Quinn Hobbs, Neosho; and Brandon Walker, Webb City, attended Officer Candidate School (OCS) during the summer at Fort Meade in South Dakota. They were officially commissioned as officers in a ceremony on Sept. 10 at the Missouri State Capitol building in Jefferson City.

Each of the three earned special recognition during the ceremony. Skaggs was the recipient of the Neilson Rudd Award, selected by his peers. Walker received the Staff Award, which was chosen by the cadre. Hobbs received the Tactical Tiger Award for the highest score on the tactics exam and FLER.

"We're very proud of their achievement," says Capt. Chase Phillips, professor of military science at Missouri Southern.

The Show-Me Gold program has now produced four commissioned officers. The first – Josh Turner – graduated in May.

Officer Candidate School involves two months of intensive training and evaluation on leadership skills, learning and decision-making.

Smith named regional vice president for PBL



Emmalee Smith, a junior marketing and management major from Carthage, has been elected to serve as the vice president for the North Central Region of Phi Beta Lambda.

The PBL club is the collegiate equivalent of Future Business Leaders of America – an educational association of post-secondary student members preparing for careers in business. The election took place during the PBL National Leadership Conference held during the summer in Atlanta, Ga.

"This is the 75th year for FBLA-PBL, so my slogan was 'Emmalee Smith in the 75th.' The color theme went along with the organization's colors – blue and gold," she said. My speech and campaign revolved around their three pillars – service, education and progress. I'm very passionate about the organization."

As vice president for the North Central Region, she will serve as the primary student liaison between the national organization and chapters in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Geography lab unveiled along with new major

The addition of a geography lab is helping to put the new major on the map at Missouri Southern.

The creation of the lab is a result of a minor degree growing into a larger program, said Steve Smith, professor of geography. After being approved by the state last year, 2016-17 is the first year for geography to be offered as a major.

"Geography and spatial science are among the top 25 job fields in the United States right now," said Smith. "What we wanted was essentially an interactive classroom environment ... a space that accommodates a bank of computers and space for lab classes and traditional lectures."

"A decision was made to combine two rooms on the second floor of Webster Hall. The wall was taken down and we put in a dual-projection system, topographic maps, globes and new carpeting. The idea was to create a space that's visually interesting, and more than just a traditional classroom."

Mansion added to National Historic Register



A dedication ceremony in honor of the Lucius P. Buchanan mansion's addition to the National Register of Historic Places was held Oct. 21, at the Missouri Southern Alumni Center.

Built in 1926 by Lucius P. "Buck" Buchanan, a wealthy mining developer, the mansion was constructed with a Spanish motif. It was reportedly inspired by a house he saw in Puerto Rico. After Buchanan's death in 1939, it was purchased by Frank C. and Juanita Wallower.

In 1964, the land and buildings upon it were purchased by the Jasper County Junior College District. The 320-acre Missouri Southern State College campus opened in 1967, with the residence housing classrooms and offices.

In 2004, a project began to renovate the mansion, which had fallen into disrepair. The oldest building on campus became the Ralph L. Gray Alumni Center and the permanent home of the MSSU Alumni Association.

"To have this designation for Missouri Southern and Joplin is an amazing accomplishment," said Lee Elliff Pound, director of the Alumni Association. "Not everyone has the chance to work in such a gorgeous facility with such rich history, and be able to call their workplace home."

Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE AND REGALIA CORDS

As early as the 12th century, the first modern universities – at Bologna and Paris – were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's degrees. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown: Fine Arts • **Crimson:** Journalism • **Dark Blue:** Philosophy • **Golden Yellow:** Science
Lemon Yellow: Library Science • **Light Blue:** Education • **Pink:** Music
Purple: Law • **Sage Green:** Physical Education • **Scarlet:** Theology • **White:** Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow Brown: Commerce, Business, Accountancy

Regalia Cords

Alpha Chi: Gold • **Veteran's:** Red, White, and Blue • **Honors Program:** Green • **Athletics:** Green and Gold
Alpha Psi Omega Honor Society: Antique Gold and Light Blue
Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold
Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Blue and Gold
Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green
National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided blue, black and white
International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided gold and purple
National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma: Dark Green and White
Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi: Purple and Green
International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi: Braided Platinum and Dark Blue
National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta: Blood Red and Sky Blue



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